Use of dangerous pesticides

@4072. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 11 of the 12 most dangerous pesti cides, which have been banned in most of the countries, continue to be used in the country;

(b) whether the Banerjee Committee had submitted its final report to Government in this regard; if so, what are the d)etails thereof, stating the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) whether DST had also appointed a sub-working group on Pesticides Vs. Consumers; if so, what are the findings of the Group and the action taken by Governmtent on its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YO-GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) In the absence of the names of 12 most dangerous pesticides" referred to by the Hon'-ble Member it is not possible to say that 11 pesticides out of them are being used in India. However, out of the list of pesticides banned |restricted in USA and EEC countries, 11 pesticides (Dieldrin, EDB, Sodium Cyanide, BHC, Aldrin, Chlordane, Heptachlor, 2,4-D, Chloroben-zilate, DDT and Lindane) are in use in our country. Out of these, only three, namely, BHC, Sodium Cyanide and Die-ldrin are banned in USA. In lndia also Dieldrin is approved only for use by the Plant Protection Adviser in the Scheduled Desert Area for locust control while the Sodium Cyanide has the limited purpose of fumigation of cotton bales as and when imported. The Banerjee Committee set up by the Government is to examine all the pesticides that have been banned|restricted in other countries.

(b) The Banerjee Committee has submitted its reports on DDT, BHC, Aldrin, Dieldrin, Chlordane, Heptachlor and EDB. The report of the Committee on BHC has been accepted by the Government. Action will be taken on other reports of the Committee already leceivedj to be received, after examination and final decision on them.

(c) The Programme Advisory Group 'for the Department of Science and Technology Plan scheme Consumer Protection through Science & Technology", in November, 1986, had constituted a Working sub-Group on Pesticide Residues in Food. The Group's Terms of Reference are to prepare a Status Report on Pesticide Residues in Food and to sug-gest action points. The Group is composed of eight Specialists including those from the consumer interest groups. The sub-group has prepared the draft report. The Programme Advisory Group his to examine the report for making suitable recommendations to the Government. Follow up action can be taken only after final decision on the report.

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दिल्ली जल पूर्ति एवं मलव्ययन संस्थान में अनियमितताओं की जांच

4073. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जल पूर्ति एवं मलव्ययन संस्थान दिल्ली का लेखा परीक्षा प्रतिवेदन दिल्ली नगर निगम के आयुक्त या उपायुक्त (जल) द्वारा पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान एक बार भी शहरी विकास मंत्रालय को प्रस्तुत नहीं किया गया है ; और इन लेखा परीक्षा प्रतिवेदनों में जिन संबंधित अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध आरोप लगाये गए हैं उनके विरुद्ध कोई भी कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उन लेखा परीक्षा प्रतिवेदनों में उल्लिखित अनियमितताओं के संबंध में कोई जांच कराने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) (क) दिल्ली नगर निगम अधिनियम, 1957 की धारा 206(5)

के अन्तर्गत लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्टों की मुद्रित प्रतियां केन्द्रीय सरकार को भेजनी अपेक्षित हैं । चूंकि इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार की शक्तियां दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल द्वारा निष्पादित की जा रही हैं इसलिए लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्टों की मुद्रित प्रतियां दिल्ली प्रशासन को भेजी जाती हैं । किसी लेखा परीक्षा पैरा की पालिका मुख्य लेखा परीक्षक को समाधान के लिए सिफारिश करने से पूर्व जैसा भी आवश्यक समझा जाता है, आवश्यक कारवाई की जाती है तथा केवल की गई कार्रवाई पर लेखा परीक्षक के सन्तुष्ट होने के पश्चात् उसे यथा व्यवस्थित समझने के लिए लेखापरीक्षा पैरों के उत्तर दिल्ली जलपूर्ति तथा मलव्ययन समिति/निगम के समक्ष रखा जाता है ।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए आगे कोई कार्यवाई करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Reclassification of the lists of SCs|STs

4074. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how far the process of reclassification|revision of lists of Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes stands as on date;

(b) whether Government are aware that delay in the reclassification process is depriving a large number of SC|ST communities of their constitutional right to certain previleges;

(c) whether Government are also aware that certain tribes 'n Punjab have been wrongly classified as SCs instead of STs thereby depriving them of some benefits; and

(d) if so, whether Government pro pose to take interim steps to reclassify them as STs on the basis of records, pend ing finalisation of final reclassification?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (d) The matter is under consideration of the Government and it is proposed to bring a legislation as soon as possible but no firm date can be given.

(b) The question of constitutional rights arises only after a caste or tribe js in cluded 'n the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) The reference is probably to a judgement of Punjab and Haryana court Of November 1982 in respect of certain communities called Vimukt Jatis. This judgement has been sen by Government.

Representation against the DJ).A,

4075. SHRl SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had 'recently received a memorandum from the residents of Chittaranjan Park. New-Delhi regarding alleged attempts of the Delhi Development Authority not to re serve plot No. 2152 and (2151 Min) at Chittaranjan Park 'for Higher Secondary Education only;

(b) if so, whether Government pro pose to issue instructions to the DDA to allot the above mentioned master plan Plot for Higher Secondary Education; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRl DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table Of the Sabha.

Reclassificarionjrecategorisation of C.P.W.D. workers

4076. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DE VELOPMENT be please$_d$ t$_0$ state:

(a) whether it j$_s$ a fact that the Director General (Works) C.P.W.D. had entered into an agreement for voluntary